

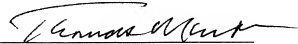
REMARKS

In the Final Office Action mailed September 2, 2008, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 4-18, and indicated the Claims 2, 3 and 19-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the claims from which they correspondingly depend. Applicant disagrees with the claim rejections. To expedite allowance of the case, however, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the language of objected, prior pending Claim 2, thereby placing independent Claim 1, and Claims 3-10 dependent thereupon, in condition for allowance. In addition, Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the language of prior pending Claim 18 and objected, prior pending Claim 19 (previously dependent upon Claim 18), thereby placing independent Claim 17, and Claims 20-24 dependent thereupon, in condition for allowance.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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